goal of universal elementary education, in a mission mode and in a time bound manner.

(b) and (c) The World Bank alongwith Department for International Development (DFID) of United Kingdom and European Commission have provided financial assistance for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme as such, for the period 2003-04 to 2005-06 on reimbursement basis upto an amount of Rs. 4700 Crore (approx.).

**Setting up of primary schools with World Bank assistance**

793. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up primary schools in the rural areas with the assistance of World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose during the last three years especially in Bihar and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The World Bank alongwith Department for International Development (DFID) of United Kingdom and European Commission have provided financial assistance for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme as such, for the period 2003-04 to 2005-06 on reimbursement basis, upto an amount of Rs. 4700 crore (approx.).

(c) The Central share provided to Bihar & Maharashtra during the last 3 years under SSA, was as follows:-

*(Rs. in crore)*

| Name of State | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maharashtra | 354.89 | 502.35 | 521.58 |
| Bihar | 319.70 | 323.99 | 1077.44 |

**Assistance for professional education in Bihar**

794. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned assistance to Bihar Government for professional education during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received proposals from the State Government in this regard; and